At Reagan Elementary we create a collaborative community of learners where innovation and tradition collide to develop and personalize instruction to ensure learning for all.

Reagan Families

Dear Reagan community,
I hope you all are doing well and I hope you enjoy this video message from your principal Mrs. Norman

Video Message from Mrs. Norman

New Family night will be on August 4th. We will be sending out a pre-recorded message including a guided tour of our campus, introductions to our office team, and important information. This will also be posted on our campus website.

August 4th at 6:00 we will have a Q/A webinar with our admin team. An insider invitation will be sent Monday the 3rd with directions.

Reagan Staffing Updates:

We are excited to share with our Reagan community that we have had some teacher movement and new Rays join our campus.

Campus Movements:
Ms. Martinez has moved from 1st grade to 3rd grade
Mrs. Rice has moved from 3rd grade to 4th grade
Mrs. Copeland has moved from 4th grade to 5th grade

Welcome to our new Reagan Teachers:
Ms. Haecker will be joining the 5th grade team
Mrs. Arnold will be our New Librarian
Ms. Schoultz will be our New Performing Arts Teacher
Thank you for your patience and understanding as we work together in new and different ways to support our students academically, socially, and emotionally. We are so thankful for our faculty, staff, families, and PTA who continually partner with us to think STUDENTS FIRST.

As the Texas Education Agency and public health guidance continue to change, we are now able to explore a Hybrid Option for our community; this would allow children to receive direct instruction at the campus with a certified teacher, 50% of the time, and complete their independent work virtually, 50% of the time. In addition, the Hybrid Option would provide a smaller group of students, in the classroom, on a daily basis.

A Hybrid Option could also provide a healthy balance of in-person and home learning by reducing the amount of time for risk of exposure by 50% (in comparison to 100% in person), while still affording children the social and emotional connections that they need with their peers and teachers.

The "every-early-morning grind" and "every-evening prep to bed" can be hard on our immune systems and families' school-life balance. This new Hybrid Option may be something to consider for some of our families, but it will not be an option unless we have enough enrollment to support the needs of our community.

If you need more details about the 3 options that LISD will be offering when buildings re-open to families, please read the descriptions below carefully.

**Hybrid Option: 50% ON CAMPUS and 50% learning VIRTUALLY:**
This Hybrid Option would allow children to receive direct instruction at the campus with a certified teacher, 50% of the time, and complete their independent work, virtually, 50% of the time. In addition, the hybrid option would provide a smaller group of students in the classroom, on a daily basis. A hybrid option could also provide flexibility to families who are looking for a balance of in-person and home learning. The 5 days of the week would likely be assigned as 2 days in-person, 2 days virtual, and every other week, alternating, for the 3rd day. Hybrid will not be an option unless we have enough enrollment in this option to support the needs of our community.

**Virtual Empowered Learning Option:**
Newly designed 100% “Virtual Empowered Learning” experience: District and campus staff have collaborated to research and develop a completely new design for virtual learning that incorporates feedback and input provided in survey responses from over 12,000 students, parents, and teachers. Essential components of the model include:

- TEKS-aligned LISD curriculum, pacing, and assessments
- Consistent “school day” schedule and routines mirroring in-person
- Substantial live “face-to-face” (synchronous) learning with teacher and classmates: Whole group, small group, individual conferences
- Independent activities, projects, practice and assignments
- Numerical grading system (4th & 5th) aligned to “in-person” learning; skills-based reporting (K-3)
- Facilitated by qualified teachers who have attended LISD Virtual Teaching Academy
- Utilization of learning management platforms that are user-friendly-streamlining log-in, access to resources and submission of assignments.
**In-Person Empowered Learning Option:**
Students and teachers will attend class in-person, five days a week, with additional safety measures in alignment with state and federal guidelines and recommendations. (see Covid-19 Health Response Handbook)
- In this setting, teachers will provide in-person instruction, learning resources, and support utilizing SeeSaw (Prek-2) or Google Classroom (3-12).
- Teachers will plan instruction that is quickly and easily transferable from in-person to virtual in the event of temporary school closure due to COVID-19 spread.
- District-directed and campus-designed safety procedures will be implemented.
- Gr. Pre-K-5 students will follow a schedule similar to a traditional school year.
- Teachers will teach students in a whole group setting.
- Students will be working from their desk that are separated to follow social distancing protocols in the classroom
- Students will participate in lunch and recess and specials (we know this will not look as it has in the past but will be provided)

~ Let us know if you have any questions about the options above!

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**District Parent Input Forms**

**LISD student Choice form For the 2020-21 School Year**

I respectfully request that you complete this form as soon as possible as it helps our team plan for staffing and class sizes. We are working to create class list. Our goal is to have as little as possible disruption to our students once we return. With that please be aware there is a possibility that depending on how parents respond to these choices, students may switch teachers after September 8th.

I am also aware that as families you are looking at varied options for childcare during this time. I can tell you that each grade level will follow a very similar virtual learning schedule and will be planning together to ensure that assignments are aligned - but not necessarily identical.

For this reason, I’d like your child to be introduced to all the teachers in the grade level during our Meet the Teacher events. At this time with a return to in-person on September 8th, some teachers will begin to provide in-person instruction and some teachers will continue to be virtual teachers.

We are not expecting teachers to do both. Reagan Elementary and Leander ISD is committed to providing high quality instruction with certified teachers in both in-person and virtual platforms.
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**Campus Website:**[https://reagan.leanderisd.org/](https://reagan.leanderisd.org/)

I promise to keep you updated as school decisions are made. I ask that you continue to positively support the teachers and staff at Reagan Elementary. Please let me know how we can help you. Feel free to reach out to me at marianne.norman@leanderisd.org if you have any questions or concerns.

Please stay safe and enjoy time with your families.